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(PATENT)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Melton B. Affrime, *et al.* 

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For: USE OF DESLORATADINE FOR TREATING ALLERGIC AND

INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS

## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated <u>September 11</u>, <u>2006</u> to which a response was due <u>December 11</u>, <u>2006</u>. A Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the time for response by three months, up to and including Monday, <u>March 12</u>, <u>2007</u>, together with provision for payment of the required petition fee is enclosed herewith.

If additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, referencing Docket No. 025444.1056-US02.

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Please amend the application as provided below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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